

## **REMARKS**

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-34 were pending in the application. The applicant hereby cancels Claim 3 and amends Claim 1. Claims 4, 17 and 30-32 are also amended to correct the dependencies thereof. Claims 33 and 34 have been withdrawn from consideration and are hereby canceled.

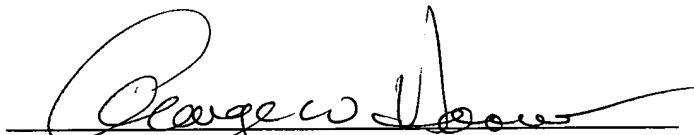
Claim 1 is hereby amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Claim 3 has been canceled as suggested by the Examiner and the claims depending therefrom have been amended to depend from Claim 1.

Applicant believes that all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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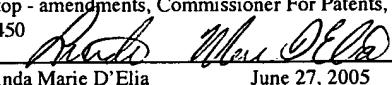
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